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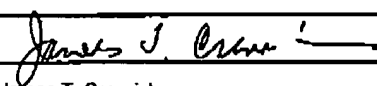
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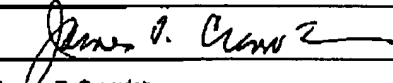
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Serial Number: 10/709,772

Examiner: Ian J. Lobo

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Group Art Unit: 3662

FOR: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR Laterally Steering Streamer Cables

Response to Restriction Requirement

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of August 29, 2005, applicant elects Group III.

This response is being timely filed within one month of the restarting of the period for reply, so no fee should be due. A copy of the notice restarting the reply period to September 15, 2005, is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
André W. Olivier

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Date: 9/15/05


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